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Title: BRIDGE CLIP TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS

### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 27, 2010. A Request for a 1-month extension of time is being made concurrently herewith via the EFS-web. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 9 of this paper.**